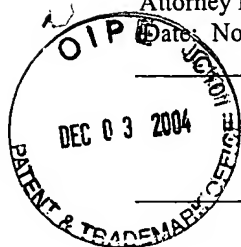


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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Katsutoshi TENMA, et al.  
Application Number: 10/079,077  
Filing Date: February 19, 2002  
Title: SUPPORTING DEVICE FOR NON-AVERAGED FORCE  
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- (X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 2, 2004.
- (X) Submission with RCE enclosed herewith
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- (X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity)
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Dear Sir:


Additional certified copies of the three Japanese priority applications were filed in the present application on October 28, 2004. The Patent and Trademark Office has indicated that entry of these documents after final rejection cannot be made. As indicated in previous communications from Applicants, the documents had been previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office. However, in the interest of expediting the allowance of the application, Applicants are filing an RCE to permit entry of the documents filed on October 28, 2004. As the error in mislocating the original certified copies occurred through no fault of the Applicants, and in view of the significant additional expenses incurred by Applicants, prompt handling of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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